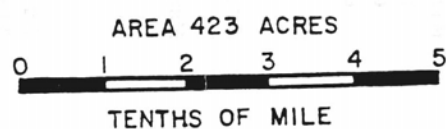


WEST RICHARDSON POND

ADAMSTOWN (T4 R2) AND LINCOLN (T5 R2) TWPS.,
OXFORD CO., MAINE



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Adamstown Twp., Oxford County
U.S.G.S. Richardson Pond, Maine (7½')

Fishes

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| Landlocked salmon | Redbelly dace |
| Brook trout | Blacknose dace |
| Rainbow smelt | Creek chub |
| Yellow perch | Fallfish (chub) |
| Minnows | Longnose sucker |
| Lake chub | White sucker |
| Golden shiner | Hornpout (bullhead) |
| Common shiner | Slimy sculpin |

Physical Characteristics

Area - 423 acres

Temperatures:

Maximum depth - 41 feet

Surface - 76°F

35 feet - 47°F

Principal fisheries: Brook trout

West Richardson Pond is located east of Observatory Mountain on Public Reserve Land. Its main inlet, Deer Mountain Stream, enters the north end of the pond. A short outlet flows southeast into nearby Pepperpot Pond. The pond's shoreline is lightly developed.

Water quality in West Richardson Pond is marginal for coldwater gamefish. During the summer months upper water levels reach critically high temperatures and lower water levels have an oxygen deficiency. Spawning and nursery habitat is utilized by both brook trout and salmon in the pond's inlets. Growth is generally poor with heavy competition from warmwater fish species. Annual stockings of brook trout are made to supplement the native population and maintain a fishery. A remnant salmon population exists, but provides a very limited fishery.

West Richardson Pond is accessible via a camp road north of Route 16. The pond is open to fishing with artificial lures only in the openwater season and closed to fishing during the winter months. See the lawbook for additional regulations.

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